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Queer Terms of a Prayer Test.

DALLAS, Tex., June 5.—The Free Thinkers Hall was inadequate to conveniently hold those who listened to John R. Chalesworth's infidel lecture last night, and it was the occasion of one of the most unique challenges upon record. The lecture was entitled, "Is There a God?" The speaker claimed that while there might be one, there was no actual evidence to prove it. He claimed that in the economy of nature there was no necessity for a God.

At the conclusion of the lecture Mrs. Sweeney, President of the Dallas W. C. T. U., arose and asked the lecturer if he would give her his name, that she might pray for him, and if he felt his heart touched he was to make as public an admission of the fact as he had of his unbelief in a Deity. Secretary Paget of the Free Thinkers' Society arose and asked Mrs. Sweeney if she would accept his name, that he, like the lecturer, doubted the existence of Jehovah. All he stipulated for was a time limit. He did not want to wait until he was dead, as they might say he made a deathbed recantation. The time limit was set at three months. Mr. Paget further stipulated that if at the end of three months he and Mr. Chalesworth or either of them had not made a public confession, Mrs. Sweeney is to admit that there is no efficacy in prayer, that God is a failure and does not exist.

To this Mrs. Sweeney agreed, and the lecturer and Secretary signed this very extraordinary challenge.

Dignity Rules the New Dances.

With the passing of the twelfth annual convention of the National Association of Dancing Masters there is a feeling left among the local devotees of Terpsichore that the apotheosis of dancing is at hand. The three new dances adopted and which will be seen at the assemblies and balls of the coming winter, are suggestive of the days of Charles II. They are full of statuesque poses, and the gyrations are of the slow, dignified character of the "minuet a Poiton," or its progenitor, the "Payane." They are the "Agathe," the "Lorraine," and the "Ellsworth," and they are entirely new in every respect. —Philadelphia Press.

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The Mother Lodge.

From the New York Herald.

There was Bundle, station master,
An' Beazley of the rail,
An' Achman, commissariat,
An' Doukin o' the jail:
An' Blake, conductor sergeant,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With 'im that kept the Europe shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside—"Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside—"Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.

We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother Lodge out there.

There was Bola Nath, accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Dia Mohammed, draughtsman,
Of the survey office, too,
There was Babu Chiekerhitty,
An' Amir Singh, the Sikh,
An' Castro of the fittin' sheds,
A Roman Catholic.

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks.

An' we kept 'em to a hair.
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus—
There ain't such things as 'eathen now

Except per'aps it's us.

For monthly after Labor
We'd all sit down and smoke,
(We dursn't give no banquets
Least a Brother's caste were broke).
An' man on man got bukkin'
Religion and the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of God 'e knowed the best.

So man on man got started
An' not a beggar stirred,
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam brain-fever bird.
We'd say 'twas very curious
An' we'd all go home to bed
With Mohammed, God, and Shira
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full off in Gov'ment service
This wanderin' foot 'ath pressed,
And bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges, East and West,
Accordin' as commanded,
From Ko'at to Singapore;
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother Lodge once more.

I wish that I might see them.
My Brethren, white an' brown,
With the burlesque smilin' pleasant,
An' the ag da passiu' down;
An' the old Khansamah snorin'
On the bottle-khana floor,
Like a Brother in good standin',
With my Mother Lodge, once more.

Outside—"Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside—"Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.

We met upon the Level, an' we parted on the square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother Lodge out there.

RUDYARD KIPLING.

Governor Upham's Story of Lincoln

WASHINGTON, June 13.—President Cleveland had a breezy and interesting caller at the White House today in the person of Governor Upham of Wisconsin. "Just thirty-three years ago, Mr. President," said he, "I stood in this very room talking to the man who was then President of the United States. It was Mr. Lincoln. Senator Doolittle from my State brought me up here and introduced me, and told Mr. Lincoln I had just come from the rebel prison hospital in Richmond, where I had been for three months with a gunshot wound in my left shoulder. To my great amazement President Lincoln asked me to take off my coat. Inasmuch as I was a soldier and he the Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, I promptly but wonderingly obeyed orders. 'Take off your shirt, please,' said Mr. Lincoln, and I pulled off my shirt. 'I want to see your wound,' explained the President, and he stood me up by that window and looked closely at the spot where the bullet had entered my shoulder. He was as sympathetic as any woman could be, and said all manner of nice things to me. I suppose I am the only living man who was ever asked by a President of the United States to take off his coat and shirt in the White House." —Chicago Times-Herald.

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